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SUBJ: SPACE COOPERATION: ROMANIAN PROPOSAL

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1. DEPARTMENT AND NASA WELCOME ROMANIAN INITIATIVE FOR COOPERATION IN SPACE RESEARCH DESCRIBED REFTEL. NASA PREPARED TO JOIN IN FORMAL OR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS LOOKING TO EARLY DEFINITION OF PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. AMONG POSSIBILITIES ARE THOSE REPRESENTED BY NASA "ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OPPORTUNITIES" TO POTENTIAL INVESTIGATORS IN US AND ABROAD. WE ARE AIRPOUCHING TO EMBASSY FOR ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES THREE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS ON WHICH ACTION STILL POSSIBLE. ONE (AO #4) INVITES PROPOSALS IN LUNAR RESEARCH, INCLUDING LUNAR SAMPLE ANALYSIS. PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15 WILL BE REVIEWED EARLY IN 1975; PROPOSALS RECEIVED SUBSEQUENTLY WILL BE REVIEWED LATER IN 1975. TWO
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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS (AO #6 AND #7) CONCERN OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN DEFINITION OF EXPLORER SATELLITE

MISSIONS. ALTHOUGH DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS ARE IMMINENT, NASA WOULD HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN CONSIDERING PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN NEXT FEW MONTHS.

3. NASA HAS BEEN SENDING TEN COPIES OF ALL "ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OPPORTUNITIES" TO PROF. DR. E. CARAFOLI, PRESIDENT ROMANIAN COMMISSION OF ASTRONAUTICS IN BUCHAREST. NASA WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATE ADDRESSES SO THAT FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY ROUTINELY REACH RIGHT PEOPLE.

4. NASA NOTES SPECIFIC ROMANIAN INTEREST IN FLYING INSTRUMENTATION ON NASA SATELLITES, SUGGESTS ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES FORWARD SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION PREPARATORY TO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON, ALTHOUGH IF ROMANIANS PREFER, VISIT COULD PRECEDE PROPOSALS.

5. SUCH A VISIT COULD ALSO BE USED TO EXPLORE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION. NASA HAS JUST RECEIVED PROF. NICOLAIE CH. OPRESKO, PRESIDENT ROMANIAN COMMITTEE ON PHOTOGRAMMETRY, AND IS GIVING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO HIS PROPOSAL FOR EARTH RESOURCES SURVEY EXPERIMENT (USING DATA FROM ERTS-B SATELLITE).

6. ROMANIANS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT NASA OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH AGENCIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES ARE SUBJECT TO SUCH CONSTRAINTS AS COMPATIBILITY OF FOREIGN PROPOSALS WITH NASA PLANNED PROJECTS AND NASA BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS FOR MOUNTING NEW PROJECTS. COOPERATION IS CARRIED OUT ON SPECIFIC PROJECT-BY-PROJECT BASIS WHERE SCIENTIFIC VALIDITY ESTABLISHED AND WITH NO EXCHANGE OF FUNDS. INGERSOLL

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